

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NIAMEY 03230 160730Z

11

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 AF-06 EUR-12 IO-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 SAM-01 AID-05 /090 W

----- 089542

R 151529Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1480

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LOME

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

USMISSION USUN NY

C O N F I D E N T I A L NIAMEY 3230

E.O. 11652: NGDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, NG

SUBJECT: VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN VICE PRESIDENT KANG

REF: NIAMEY 3166 NOTAL

1. KOREAN VICE PRESIDENT KANG'S VISIT AUGUST 11 THROUGH 13 IS UNLIKELY TO ALTER GON'S EVEN-HANDED APPROACH TO KOREAN PROBLEMS.

2. VISIT, WHICH IS DESCRIBED BY MFA AS ORDINARY QUOTE PRISE DE CONTACT, UNQUOTE CONSISTED OF ROUTINE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT AND GON OFFICIALS, ACCOMPANIED BY NORMAL PRESS PLAY BUT NO CONSPICUOUS ATTEMPT AT PUBLIC IMAGERY ON EITHER SIDE. PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE RECEIVED
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NIAMEY 03230 160730Z

DANG FOR OFFICE VISIT AS IS HIS CUSTOM BUT DID

NOT PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL OR PROTOCOL ACTIVITIES.

3. ANODYNE REMARKS CARRIED IN PRESS FROM DINNER GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE (VICE PRESEDENCY OF NIGER IS STILL VACANT FOLLOWING JALING OF SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL'S NUMBER 2 MAN) UNDERLINED THEMES OF FRIENDSHIP, NON-ALIGNMENT, SELF-RELIANCE AND ANTI-COLONIALISM, ALLUDING TO KOREAN REUNIFICATION IN ALMOST IDENTICAL BUT EQUALLY GENERAL TERMS, DJERMAKOYE AND KANG CALLED FOR SOLUTION THROUGH EFFORTS OF PEOPLE OF BOTH KOREAS WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. FRENCH AMABASSADOR GASCHIGNARD WHO ATTENDED DINNED AS DEAN OF CORPS TELLS US NOTHING MORE OF SUBSTANCE WAS MENTIONED IN SPEECHES, EXCEPT FOR A MAL-ADROIT REFERENCE BY KANG TO NIGER'S LIBERATION FROM QUOTE COLONIALIST YOKE UNQUOTE, WHICH, AS GASCHIGNARD WRYLY OBSERVES WAS OMITTED FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS FOLLOWING DAY.

4. GASCHIGNARD, WHO DESCRIBES KANG AS A BOURGEOIS, PROFESSORIAL FIGURE APPARENTLY GOING ABOUT HIS BUSINESS IN A LOW-KEY WAY, SURMISES THAT FURTHER BILATERAL COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WERE DISCUSSED BUT DOUBTS VISIT WILL HAVE ANY IMPACT ON GON'S CONTINUING GOOD RELATIONS WITH ROK. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS WE HAVE SEEN IN LAST FEW DAYS GENERALLY CONFIRM THIS ASSEMSSMENT AND INDICATE THAT GON WILL CONTINUE TO ATTACH EQUAL WEIGHT TO TIES WITH BOTH KOREAS. THIS MEANS NIGER CAN BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FI ROK QN INTERNATIONAL FORA WHILE, OF COURSE, AVOIDING INVIDIOUS CHOICES OR GETTING OUT IN FRONT.DAVISON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NONALIGNED NATIONS, POLICIES, VICE PRESIDENT, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 AUG 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: RowellE0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975NIAEMEY03230
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750284-0100
From: NIAEMEY
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750848/aaaabqhx.tel
Line Count: 94
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 NIAEMEY 3166
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: RowellE0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <22 MAY 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <06 OCT 2003 by RowellE0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN VICE PRESIDENT KANG
TAGS: PFOR, KS, NG, (KANG KANG-UK)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006